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At the Court at *Kensington*, *Dec.* 5. 1700.

PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

*WHereas it hath been this day represented to His Majesty in Council, That several Evil-disposed Persons have Combined together for the Counterfeiting the Malt-Tickets to a considerable Value, and having received Informations upon Oath, That one* Thomas Carter *alias* Brown *alias* Williams, *and one* William Hebert *alias* Hubert, *are particularly concerned therein, and are fled from Justice; His Majesty in Council was pleased to declare, That whoever shall discover the said* Carter *alias* Brown *alias* Williams, *and the said* Hebert *alias* Hubert, *or either of them, so as they or either of them may be apprehended, and brought to Justice, shall for each of the said Persons receive a Reward of One hundred Pounds. And for the better detecting this Evil Practice, His Majesty is pleased to Promise to any other who hath been concern'd in the said Forgeries, His most Gracious Pardon, and the Reward of One hundred Pounds, if he shall voluntarily come in, and discover any of his Accomplices, so as they may be taken and convicted for the same; And the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are hereby directed to Pay the said Reward accordingly. And to the end no Person may be imposed upon by any of these Counterfeit Tickets, all Persons are hereby warn'd, before they buy or Purchase any Malt-Tickets, to go to the Proper Office at the* Exchequer, *to have such Tickets compared and tried with the Counterparts which are there kept.*

Edward Southwell.

*Warsaw*, *Nov.* 29. *N. S.* The General Diet of this Kingdom is to meet in *February* next; and Circular Letters will shortly be dispatched to the several Provinces to give them notice thereof, and of the principal Matters that will be laid before them that they may accordingly choose their Deputies, and instruct them therein. The Envoy sent lately by the Czar of *Muscovy* to the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, was in his Journey through *Poland* set upon by divers Persons, who took away all his Papers, and in this occasion some of his Servants were killed, and himself received a Wound in his Arm: The King being informed hereof, has ordered strict Enquiry to be made for the discovering and apprehending of those concerned therein, in order to give the Czar all possible Satisfaction. The *Lithuanian* Gentlemen of *Oginsky*'s Party, who lately defeated the Forces of General *Sapieha*, being flush'd with this Victory, have sent to the King to desire him to remove all that Family from their Employments; and they commit such Disorders, that the King has thought it necessary to order several Regiments of his Forces, and a Detachment of the *Cossacks*, who are now quartered in *Courland*, to march into *Livonia* with Orders to disperse those they find in Arms, and to take Quarters there for securing the Publick Peace of that Country.

*Stockholm*, *Dec.* 1. The Levies are continued in this Kingdom with very good Success, and by next Spring there will be several new Regiments on foot. Our freshest Advices from *Livonia* give an Account, that the King of *Sweden* had taken a Review of his Forces, being about 30000 Men regulated Troops, besides the Militia of *Livonia*, and after that began his March towards *Narva*. That a considerable Detachment from the *Muscovite* Army before that Place, had made an Inroad into *Livonia*, and came within 6 miles of *Revel*, and 2000 of them advancing nearer to the *Swedish* Army, the King, upon notice of it, sent out a Party of 800 Horse, under the Command of Major *Patkull* and Major *Thiesenhausen*, who surprized the *Muscovites*, killed 1500 of them upon the Place, and took 500 Horses; But as the *Swedes* were returning to their Army, they met a much stronger Body of *Muscovite* Horse, who had got between them and home, with a design to cut off their Retreat, but the *Swedes* fought through them and returned to their Camp, having lost about 200 Men; and in the last of these Actions, Major *Patkull* and some other Officers were taken Prisoners.

*Vienna*, *Dec.* 2. The Imperial Court went into deep Mourning the 28th past for the Death of the King of *Spain*, and all the Apartments in the Emperor's Palace are hung with Black. The new Levies are continued for recruiting and augmenting the Emperor's Forces. The Council of War meet frequently to give the Necessary Orders, and Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* is sent for from *Germany* to be present at these Conferences. An Order will be published in few days, for laying a Tax of the Hundredth Peny upon all the Inhabitants of the Emperor's Hereditary Dominions, and 'tis said several Persons have promised to advance a considerable Sum of Money upon this Subsidy, and the other Funds, which 'tis expected the States of the *Lower Austria* will grant at their next Session, which will begin in 2 or 3 days. The *Swiss* Deputies, who are come hither to treat of a Defensive Alliance with the Emperor and Empire, are frequently in Conference with the Emperor's Ministers, and 'tis said their Negociation succeeds much to their Satisfaction. Fresh Instructions are sent to Count *Straatman*, the Emperor's Envoy at *Warsaw*, to endeavour to press forward the Negociation for accommodating the Differences between the Kings of *Sweden* and *Poland*, and the latter having expressed a great Willingness to comply with the Emperor's Desires, 'tis hoped this Affair may be brought to a happy Conclusion. The Counts of *Aspremont*, *Furstemberg*, and *Ruenberg* are made Councellors of State to the Emperor. The Count *de Vratislaw*, Envoy from the Emperor to His Majesty of *Great Britain*, is on his departure for *England*. The Marquis *de Visconty* is gone with the same Character to *Milan*, and 'tis said Count *Schick* will be sent to the Court of *Savoy*. The Count of *Paar*, who was upon his Journey to *Madrid* to notify the Birth of the young Arch-Duke, Son to the King of the *Romans*, upon the News of the King of *Spain*'s Death is returning hither. Monsieur *Hamel Bruninx*, who resided at *Berlin* on the part of the States General, is arrived here in the Quality of their Envoy Extraordinary to the Emperor. Letters from *Esseck* give an Account, that the *Turkish* Ambassador, who went lately from hence, arrived there the 24th past, and was received by the Count of *Stirumberg*, and other Persons of Quality, and splendidly entertained by the Commander of that Garrison; The next day the Ambassador continued his Journey towards the Frontier; Count *Oting*, the Emperor's Ambassador, who is returning from *Turky*, was expected at *Belgrade* the 26th, where he would make no stay, so that 'tis probable the two Ambassadors were exchanged the 29th or 30th. They write from *Upper Hungary*, that the Imperial and Turkish Commissioners for setting the Limits continue their Conferences with so good Success, that 'tis hoped they will shortly have finished their Commission.

*Frankfort*, *Decemb.* 9. The Count of *Nassaw Weilburg*, General of the Elector Palatine's Forces, arrived here this week from *Dusseldorp*, and will go again from hence in a day or two, to review the Forces in the Palatinate. The Countess of *Berlips* is gone from hence to *Vienna*. The Count *de Stirum* is shortly expected here in his way to the Imperial Court. The Letters from thence say, 'tis discoursed, That the Imperial Forces will be considerably augmented against the next Spring, and that several Regiments, under the Command of Prince